

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-captioned application. The ex parte Quayle Office Action of January 11, 2005 includes an objection to Figure 7 noting that reference number 64 should be 94. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's diligence in this regard and Figure 7 has been amended accordingly.

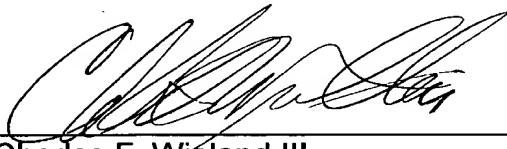
The Office Action also includes an objection to claims 10, 11, 20, and 21 suggesting that the variables of the functions of S, P, F and T be defined in the claims. It is believed that the mathematical relationships actually provide their definition. However, language has been added to verbalize the mathematical meaning of these functions. In light of these changes, Applicants respectfully request they have overcome the Examiner's concern. It is notice that reference to 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, is unusual in regard to an objection to formalities, but Applicants have treated this as an objection to the claims not amounting to a rejection thereof and the claim changes are to improve readability, rather than a substantive change to the claims.

In light of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the above-captioned application. Should any residual issues exist, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

BURNS, DOANE, SWECKER & MATHIS, L.L.P.

Date: March 7, 2005

By: 
Charles F. Wieland III
Registration No. 33,096

Attachments: Replacement Sheet (Fig. 7)
Annotated Sheet Showing Changes (Fig. 7)

P.O. Box 1404
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1404
(703) 836-6620

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

Figure 7 has been changed such that the reference number 64 is now 94, per the Examiner's suggestion.

Attachments: Replacement Sheet
Annotated Sheet Showing Changes



FIG. 7

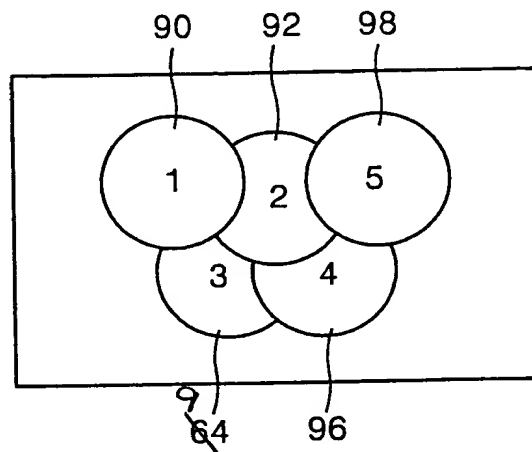


FIG. 8

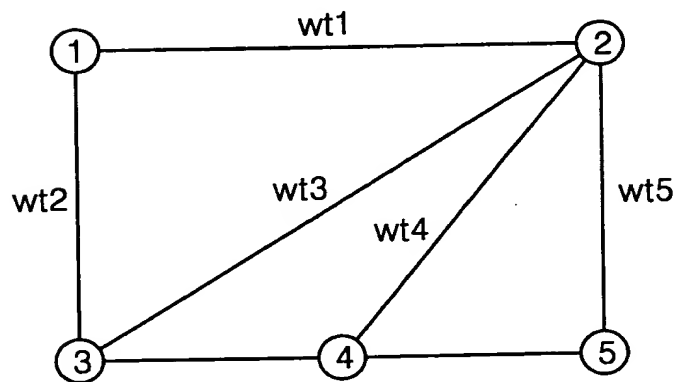


FIG. 9

